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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to methods and compositions designed for the treatment or management of pre-cancerous conditions, especially in order to prevent, delay, or decrease the likelihood that the pre-cancerous condition will progress to malignant cancer. The methods of the invention comprise the administration of an effective amount of one or more agents that decrease/inhibit PCDGF expression, secretion, and/or activity. The invention also provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising one or more PCDGF agents. In some embodiments, the PCDGF agents can be administered with other therapeutic agents for treatment or management of a pre-cancerous condition that are not PCDGF-based. Diagnostic methods and methods for screening for therapeutically useful PCDGF agents are also provided.